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1. The bridge across the Danube River between Ruse, Bulgaria, and Giurgiu, Rumania, is a steel lattice girder structure resting on a large number (estimated at 40) of reinforced concrete piers. It is double-tiered, the bottom tier carrying a single-track railway line and the top tier a road. The Bulgarian end is situated near the seventh kilometer marker northeast of Ruse on the road to Tutrakan and Silistra. The road across the bridge joins the Ruse-Tutrakan-Silistra road near the point at which the railway leading to the bridge crosses the main road (see sketch in Appendix, page 2).
2. In the center of the main stream of the river which lies between Mocanu and Ciobanu Islands, one section of the bridge between two piers carries what appears to be some form of lifting apparatus. This presumably enables the section concerned to be raised vertically to allow river traffic other than barges to pass underneath.
3. Toward the end of April 1954, several groups of buildings located at points A, B, and C on the attached sketch, were occupied by Border Guards, while buildings at D and also near C were occupied by unidentified Army personnel. At E, on a hill overlooking the main road, at least three Naval-type high-angle all-purpose guns (estimated caliber 10 cms.) were in position. Border Guard sentries were in evidence both near the road entrance to the bridge and on watch towers on high ground in the vicinity from which a view to the bridge approaches is obtained.

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Comment: Radio Sofia broadcast the announcement of the bridge opening on 20 June 1954.

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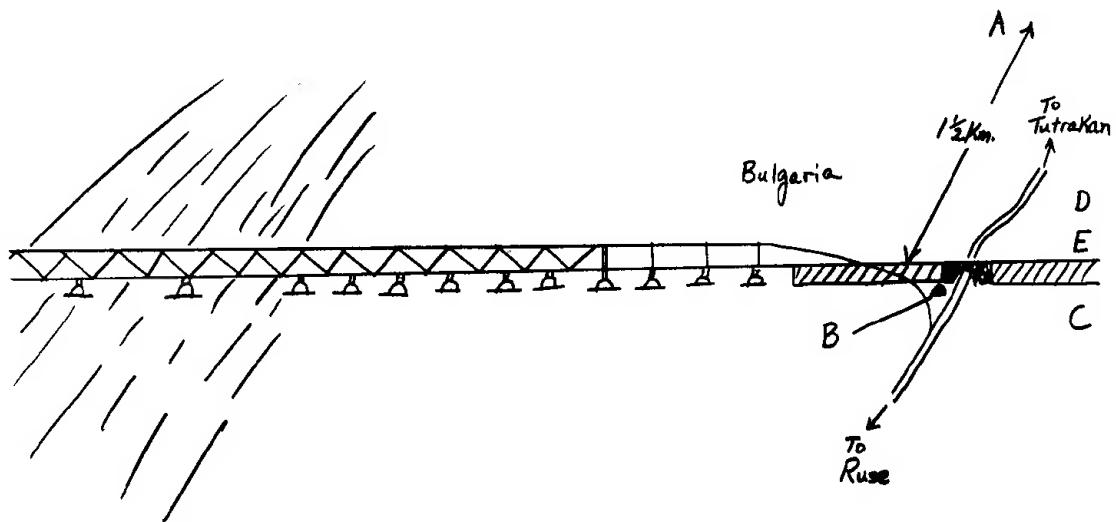
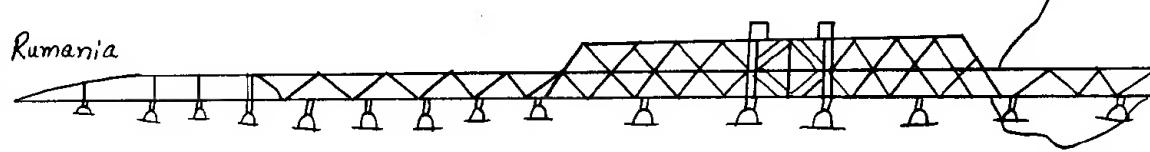
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APPENDIX

The Ruse-Giurgiu Bridge - End of April 1954



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